

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 3, with the following:

One example of the interface that receives and routes packets may be found in co-pending US Patent Application No. ~~10/XXX,XXX~~ 10/714,412, filed November 14, 2003, “Implementation Of Control Plane Protocols And Networking Stacks In A Distributed Network Device.” Other methods of providing this interface could also be used, but this provides an example of one.